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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of :
Chung-Hum Baik et al. : Group Art Unit: 2652
Serial No.: **10/686,539** : Confirmation No: 3483
Filed: **October 16, 2003** : Examiner: Allen T. CAO
FOR: **HEAD DRUM ASSEMBLY FOR A** :
TAPE RECORDER :

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement mailed September 1, 2005, Applicants provisionally elect with traverse group I which includes claims 1 through 3 drawn to a "head drum assembly" comprising "a rotary drum", "a stationary drum", "a drum cover", "a sub circuit board", "a stationary transformer", "a rotary transformer", "a motor stator" and "a motor rotor", as recited in claim 1.

Also, Applicants note that the non-elected claims 4-16 all depend, directly or indirectly, from claim 1. Therefore, the Restriction Requirement with regard to claims 4-16 should be withdrawn upon allowance of claim 1, and that these claims will be entitled to examination or immediately allowed at that time.

Finally, Applicants submit that the subject matter of the claims is related such that examination of the entire application can be made without serious burden as stated in MPEP §803. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to withdraw the Restriction Requirement and to examine the entire application on the merits.

Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney at the phone number indicated below.

Respectfully submitted,



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